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Dear Colleague:

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) invite you to attend the 2nd annual Solid State Energy Conversion Alliance (SECA) Workshop at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia, on March 29-30, 2001.

The SECA Program is designed to develop a solid-oxide fuel cell module with low manufacturing cost and broad applications. Since the SECA inaugural workshop held last year, Congress has provided initial funding for the Program, the SECA Industrial Team Solicitation has been posted, and DOE has formulated SECA program plans. This progress could not have happened without the strong interest and support from key leaders in fuel cell technology development, like yourself.

The March SECA Workshop will report on the status of the SECA program, provide a forum for stakeholder input, and discuss upcoming opportunities. Workshop highlights include an invited panel of congressional staff providing a perspective on their views of distributed generation and fuel cell technology, a presentation on the 21st Century Truck Program and its relation to SECA, new studies commissioned by DOE focused on SOFC system costs, and a review of the draft SECA research and development roadmap. On the second day, there will be open discussion in breakout sessions to gather stakeholder input on the results of the technology assessment addressed in the draft SECA R&D roadmap.

As a key individual and leader in fuel cell technology and development, I invite you to join other fuel cell leaders and stakeholders at this workshop. The aggressive goals of the SECA program cannot be achieved without the continued input and support from fuel cell technology experts and leaders.

Registration materials are enclosed. Please fill out the workshop registration and mail it in today. Further information will be sent to all workshop participants approximately two weeks in advance of the workshop date.

Sincerely,

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